



**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

**To:** Councilmembers, Anne Arundel County Council  
**From:** Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor  
**Date:** August 31, 2022  
**Subject:** Auditor's Review of Legislation for the September 6, 2022 Council Meeting

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**Bill 71-22:  
Zoning – Critical Area  
Overlay – Growth  
Allocation**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill modifies the critical area growth allocation process, removes the growth allocation application acceptance schedule, modifies the criteria for rescission of growth allocation, and makes the effective date of this bill contingent on the approval of the Maryland Critical Area Commission.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

The Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) does not anticipate a change in workload due to this bill and does not anticipate needing additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill. This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

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**Bill 72-22:  
Bay Ridge Shore Erosion  
Control District**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes a shore erosion control project in the Bay Ridge Shore Erosion Control District (SECD). Specifically, this project is for the reconstruction and maintenance of shore erosion control work on the shoreline of community-owned property located at 80 East Lake Drive, Annapolis, Maryland.

We have reviewed the supporting documents and determined that the petition meets the requirements for a new SECD project. There are incorrect legal references in the petition, however, the Office of Law has advised that this would not invalidate the petition. There were 364 eligible petitions from property owners in favor of the project out of 465 eligible properties (78.3%), which satisfies the requirement of at least 75% of the owners of properties in the existing district approve the petition.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

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**Bill 73-22:  
Subdivision and  
Development and Zoning –  
Cluster Development**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill defines cluster development and requires cluster development to include landscaped screening and buffer areas.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

OPZ does not anticipate a change in workload due to this bill and does not anticipate needing additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill. This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

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**Bill 74-22:  
General Provisions – Flags  
on County Property**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill allows for only certain flags to be flown on County flagpoles or displayed in or on County buildings.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

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**Bill 75-22:  
Licenses and Registrations  
– Amusements – Licensing  
of Coin-Operated  
Amusement Devices**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill is an emergency ordinance that allows a Class E license for coin-operated amusement devices to be issued to a Class I licensee.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Inspections and Permits (I&P) does not anticipate a change in workload due to this bill and does not anticipate needing additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill. This bill is to align with current practices and has no direct fiscal impact.

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**Bill 76-22:  
Licenses and Registrations  
– Massage Therapy  
Establishments**

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill establishes a massage therapy establishment license requirement, designates the authority to administer and enforce the licensing provisions, adds certain definitions, establishes the term of a license, adds an application process for a license, prohibits violations of the licensing requirements, and allows for enforcement under certain circumstances.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

We agree with the Administration’s fiscal note that the impact of this bill will depend on the number of establishments that apply for this license and the number of violations identified. I&P anticipates minimal impact to workload due to this bill and does not anticipate needing additional resources to meet the requirements of this bill. The license is valid for a period of five years. Investigative and enforcement activities will be conducted by the Police Department, and they do not expect an impact to the department based on the requirements of this bill.

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**Bill 77-22:  
Boards, Commissions, and  
Similar Bodies – Youth  
Advisory Council**

**Summary of Legislation**

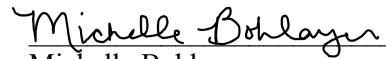
This bill establishes the Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council in the County Code and provides for the purpose, composition, terms of members, meeting standards, and duties of the Youth Advisory Council. Executive Order #28 created the Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council in August 2020.

**Review of Fiscal Impact**

This bill has no direct fiscal impact.

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Sincerely,

  
Michelle Bohlayer  
County Auditor